

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the final Official Action mailed April 14, 2003. Claims 54 and 55 have been cancelled, and Claims 1-22 and 24-53 remain pending. Applicants note and appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-22 and 24-53 are allowable. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

The Examiner requests that Applicants surrender the original patent. Applicants enclose herewith a duly executed "Reissue Patent Application Statement As To The Loss of Original Patent." Applicants respectfully request that the application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-22 and 24-55 stand rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. Of these claims, claims 54 and 55 have been cancelled. Applicants submit herewith a fully executed Supplemental Declaration. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-22 and 24-53 be withdrawn.

Claims 54 and 55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being an improper capture of broadened subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. Because claims 54 and 55 have been cancelled, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 54 and 55 stand rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by Li et al. (5,430,620). Claims 54 and 55 have been cancelled, as discussed above.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 54 and 55 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a bona fide effort to respond to each and every requirement set forth in the Office Action. In the event that any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not believe there are any fees due in connection with filing this communication. If, however, additional fees are necessary as a result of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or fees associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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